

Box: PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under
 37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application:

APPLICANTS: H. INOUE et al

Serial No. 10/083,360

Filed: February 27, 2002

Group Art:

3746

For:

GAS TURBINE COMBUSTOR AND OPERTING METHOD THEREOF

UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Box: Patent Application Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexanria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/083,360 filed February 27, 2002, entitled GAS TURBINE COMBUSTOR AND OPERATING METHOD THEREOF by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

- 1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, as originally filed.
 - 2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee \$ 750.00

Total Claims $4 - 20 = 0 \times 18 = $ 0.00$ Independent Claims $2 - 3 = 0 \times 84 = $ 0.00$

Total Filing Fee

\$ 750.00



- 3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.
- 4. Cancel claims 2-11 before calculating the Filing Fee.
 A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.
- 6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:
- --This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/083,360, filed February 27, 2002.--.
- 7. Formal drawings are enclosed, eleven (11) sheets, Figs. 1-11.
- 8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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- 9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.
- 10. Priority of Japanese patent application No.
 2001-259119 filed August 29, 2001 is claimed under
 35 U.S.C. § 119. The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application, as originally filed on February 27, 2002.

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